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San Francisco Stake Conference Termed "Most Spiritual" Sessions

"The Spirit of the Lord knows no language barrier," so stated San Francisco Stake President Ervin G. Derrick in his openinng remarks to a hall-packed congregation Sunday morning, March 18.

This was followed by talks and testimonies in foreign languages by several other members. The Saturday evening conference session featured the church-filmed "Search for Truth."

Visitors and speakers at the Sunday morning service included President Warren Pugh and Sister Pugh from the Northern California Mission. President Pugh related that a generation ago, most, if not all the missionaries serving the Northern California Mission were from the Utah-Idaho area. Today the mission is served by missionaries from nearly every state in the union plus one from Australia. He also mentioned his appreciation for close cooperation by bishoprics, stake officers and stake missionaries.

Donald Laws recently released from the Gulf States Mission, and Reed Grande, Spanish-American Mission each gave talks. Bishop William Feagaimaalii of the Polynesian Ward gave most of his speach andtestimony in Samoan.

In his morning remarks, President Derrick related Lehi's dream about the "tree of life" and the interpetation of it to Nephi by the Spirit of he Lord. He likened the world today as in the "tree of life."

Music for the morning session was by San Francisco Stake Relief Society Singing Mothers, under the direction of Sister Jean Lauper, accompanied by Sister Janice George.

Afternoon session speakers were: Ann Barton, director of Stake welfare sewing; President Wayne Brown, second counselor, spoke on "Our Responsibilities to our Children."

Youth speakers were: Steven Brown, Balboa Ward; Joan Johnson, Sunset Ward; Melvin Barber, Mission Ward; Judy Banks, Balboa Ward; Sonny Schmidt, Chinese-American Branch; Melisa Aaron, Sunset Ward; and Dwight Scoville, Daly City Ward.

President Dale Ensign, first counselor, started his talk in Swedish, then switched to English. His remarks were pointed to the youth of the church.

Eugene Smith was released from the High Council. Dr. Frank Bagley was sustained a member of the High Council, Hal Mark Magleby was sustained as an alternate member in the High Council, and Jay Banks was sustained as Stake publicity director.

Phil Squires To Sweden For Research

Biochemist, Dr. Phil Squires, of the Berkeley Second ward, has been given a grant from the National Institute of Health to do a year's research at the University of Uppsala, Sweden. He will be accompanied by Gwen and family.

Richmond Ward Chosen To Pilot Missionary Plan In California

By Mima Williams

Church services in Richmond Ward have taken on an added attraction since the recent arrival of ten young full-time Mormon Missionaries.

With the immediate approval of President Henry D. Moyle of the First Presidency, the Church will be carrying out the admonition of President David O. McKay, "to make everyone feel he has a personal missionary call" through the new missionary project being started in California.

Under the direction of the Northern California Mission, the Richmond Ward, with a potential of over 80,000 contacts living within the confines of its ward boundaries, has been chosen to pilot a missionary experiment.

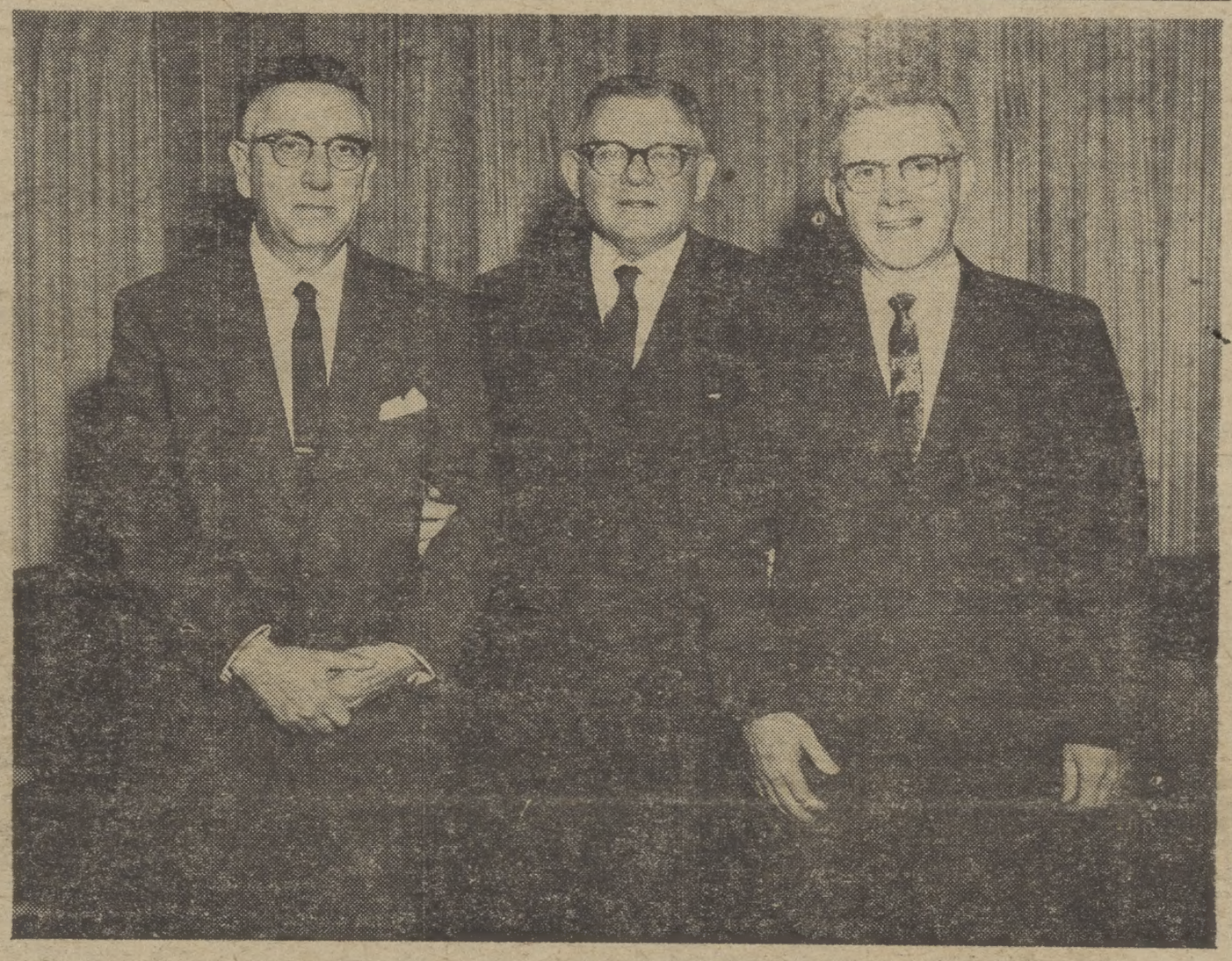
Five group areas have been established which include Richmond, a portion of El Cerrito and San Pablo, California, with two missionaries assigned to each area. Every family will have the privileged and opportunity of being personally visited by these Elders.

Elders Gordon Liddle, Granger, Utah, who previously served as Supervising Elder in the Klamath District and Traveling Elder in the northern part of the California Mission, has been chosen as Supervising Elder. Assisting him in the project will be Elder Frederick Skouen, Spanish Fork; Elder Ronald Irvine, Provo, Utah; Elder Lynn Fuelling, Murray, Utah; Elder Raymond L. Lowe, Parowan, Utah; Elder John E. Godfrey, Clarkston, Utah; Elder Reynold Ralphs, Rockland, Idaho; Elder Alan Brown, Palisades, Idaho; Elder Mark Lau, Soda Springs, Idaho; and Elder Anthony V. Ragozzine, Henderson, Nevada.

Cottage meetings will be held in each of the group areas for inactive families, part member and adult Aaronic Priesthood families, as well as name referral and non-member contacts.

The Youth Program through sport clubs will play a vital part in reactivating as well as converting many families. These youth clubs will furnish supervised recreation and will encourage a high level of sportsmanship among the participants.

Bishop Harold E. DeLaMare summed up the goal of the Ward when he said: "It is our desire to bring into activity the part-member and Aaronic Priesthood families, to activiate the inactive, as well as 'share the Gospel' with our friends and neighbors."



PAUSING FOR BREATH, between sessions of the Northern California missionary conference, February 24, with Henry D. Moyle, of the first presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, are W. Glenn Harmon, first counselor (left) and Warren E. Pugh, president of the Northern California Mission (right). Full-time and stake missionaries of the Bay Area, meeting at the Interstake center, heard President Moyle call missionary work "an all-consuming" labor form which we cannot take vacations. "I think that the prime need of the world today is for us to cease to be sheep and become shepherds . . . we must learn to become leaders . . ..we ought to know where we are standing and we ought to know where we are going and what we are doing, and have that burning conviction within us that the Lord's work is right," he declared.

Oakland Temple Ground Breaking Saturday, May 26

President David O. McKay will officiate at the ground breaking ceremonies for the Oakland Temple according to word received by President O. Leslie Stone, chairman of the Oakland Temple Executive Committee.

May 26, a Saturday, has been set as the date for the long awaited event. The First Presidency informed President Stone that plans for the Temple will be completed, contracts awarded and everything in readiness to begin construction at that time.

President McKay visited Oakland in January last year to preside over a meeting of the presidencies of 19 northern California Stakes and Mission to announce the plans for the building of the Temple. Since that date San Leandro has been added to the list of Stakes in the Oakland Temple District.

Assisting President Stone on the Temple Executive Planning committee are David B. Haight, Palo Alto Stake president, and Elder Paul E. Warnick, executive secretary.

Bi-Stake Genealogical Convention

Sunday April 15, San Francisco and San Mateo Stakes are holding a Genealogical convention at the San Francisco Stake Center, Brunswick and Hillside in Daly City. This convention will be presided over by Lamont B. Gunderson, First Counselor in the Presidency of the Genealogical Organization of the Church.

The first meeting, at 9:00 a.m., is for members of stake committees and bishoprics. The second meeting at 10:00 a.m. will include members of ward committees.

The entire youth of the two stakes are encouraged to attend the third meeting, at 1:30 p.m. theme of which will be temple marriage.

Goals Set For Stake Leaders

A goal for all stake leaders: completion of one full page of personal history, family and pedigree charts (including great grandparents), by April 15, has been set by the San Francisco Stake Presidency.

If this plan is followed faithfully, San Francisco Stake will have on hand over 20,000 names for the opening of the Oakland Temple.

A chart approximately 12 feet long listing stake leaders has been made, and divided into sections illustrating the progress being made.

The second phase of this activity will be on a ward level. This same program eventually will be encouraged throughout the stake. Ward Home Teachers are currently assisting stake leaders.

Bi-Stake Meet For Genealogy

The Annual Genealogical Conference for Hayward and San Leandro stakes will be held in the Castro Valley chapel, April 15, and will convene at 10 a.m.

There are two convention sessions, the second to start at 1:30 p.m., which will be attended by a representative of the general commitee in Salt Lake.

The necessity of Genealogical activities within the stakes and ward will be pointed up with inspirational talks, and film strip demonstrations. Everyone interested in Genealogy is invited to attend the fulldaysession according to Elder Henry Christiansen, committee chairman.

William Knowland To Speak At Leadership Week

William F. Knowland, former United States senator from California, has accepted an invitation to address the Fourth Annual Northern California Leadership Week, according to an announcement from Elder M. Dee Smith, general chairman.

The confirmation of the speaking date launched the full time preparations for the forth-coming week-long "Festival of Learning" presented under the direction of the Brigham Young University Adult Education department. The 1962 event will begin during the last week of August.

Chairman Smith said that many of the "favorite" teachers are scheduled to return this year to the Interstake Center and that an imposing list of other professors from the "Y" and local schools have already been signed up. A few who are included are Truman Madsen, Lynn McSinlay, Ivan Barrett, Alma Heaton and many others.

The committee for securing faculty is working diligently to try to meet all of the many requests for special teachers which were made known to them at the close of last year's successful week of inspiration and educational instruction.

Senator Knowland will address one of the assembly meetings which will be held in the evenings. Negotiations are underway to secure other excellent speakers to occupy the four assemblies and it is expected that one of general authorities will be in attendance.

Leadership week is open to all who seeks to increase his knowledge and there is a field of interest for everyone.

My Testimony

He Shall Reward Thee

by Mabel B. Liddell

"When thou fastest, anoint thine head and wash thy face — that thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."

Fasting and prayer have always been important aids in guiding the Lord's people to know his will in making important decisions. Particularly when making decisions that affect the lives of others.

Inspiring indeed, in relation to this principle is the tender story of Martha and Bliss Roberts. These two people grew up together in Carbon County,Utah but when Bliss graduated from school in Wellington, his family moved to Canada and Martha's family moved to Salt Lake City. When Martha was eighteen and Bliss nineteen, he was called on a three year mission to the Eastern States. He was deeply interested in her and the feeling was mutual, but any marriage plans had to be postponed for three years. Other complications began to appear in Salt Lake City also. For one thing, a rather successful young business man there was also very interested in Martha and continually urging her to set their marriage date. He was close at hand and the prospect was tempting. In her dilemma, Martha went to her parents for advice. Her mother wanted her to marry the local man, but her father was equally adament in his desire to have her wait for Bliss. Her brothers and sisters were likewise divided in their counsel.

Mid all the confusion, Martha decided to ask the Lord for wisdom in making her all important decision. She set aside a special day for fasting and prayer that she might know the will of God in the matter. That night, upon retiring, she knelt beside her bed and in deepest humility asked for guidance in choosing her life's companion.

Falling asleep she dreamed that she saw her missionary with a group of happy people entering a beautiful building but because of her being with her local admirer who had been drinking, she was unable to go with them.

She awoke and while meditating about the meaning of her dream she fell asleep again and this time dreamed she was with Bliss entering the gloriously, beautiful building. She saw her local admirer in a drunken stupor outside. Awakening again, she lay quietly contemplating the meaning of her dreams when she heard a soft sweet voice calling her by name. As she looked up she saw a beautiful lady standing above the floor near her bed. Martha endeavored to arise to a sitting position but her strength seemed to have left her body. The personage who visited her said nothing more but as she pointed toward the north, Martha saw the word 'Bliss' written in gold letters across her breast.

After this clear and divinely given answer to her request, Martha knew without any doubt what the Lord would have her do. She joyfully waited the three years and three months after Bliss returned from his mission he took her to the beautiful building she had seen in her dream, the Salt Lake Temple, where they were sealed by the power of God, man and wife for time and all eternity.

They went to Alberta, Canada to make their home on a large wheat farm in the area prophetically designated in the words of Apostle John W. Taylor in 1889: "This land will yet become a bread-basket to the world and in this land a Temple shall be reared to the worship of Almighty God."

Martha lived to become the mother of six lovely, faitnful children and just two years before the Alberta Temple was dedicated she was called home by her Heavenly Father. Her wonderful family have lived to give honor to her memory. In the words of her husband: "We have unitedly served over seventeen years of time on foreign missions. One son served four missions and another served two." Thousands of ordinances have been performed in the Temple by them and the work is continuing by her children and grand-children.

Who can tell how far reaching one person's testimony and life may become in influencing a family, a community or a nation? Is it worthwhile seeking counsel from God in our decisions — and then following where he directs?

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THREE DUTY TO GOD awards were presented in a recent Sacrament meeting of the Oakland ward to (left to right) David J. Christensen, Paul Hallman and Robert J. Yorgason. The award requires more than four years of Scout work and four times winning the annual award in Aaronic Priesthood work. David is serving as assistant junior scoutmaster of Troop 346 in the Oakland ward. Paul and Bob are active in sports, at school and at church. Paul has achieved a record of 100% attendance for the past four years, and is a member of the youth missionary committee, and a member of the Skyline high tennis team Bob is a member of the Skyline high ski club and on the track tean. He also scored 100% attendance for Aaronic Priesthood for the past four years. —Photo by Floyd Harkins

New Chinese Branch Organized

Official organization of the Chinese American Branch, authorized by the First Presidency, took place Sunday, March 11. Ervin S. McDonald was set apart as Branch President, with Raymond Jue as first counselor and John Schmidt as second counselor.

President McDonald has served as counselor to several Bishops over a long era, several times served as Stake High Councilman, and has recently been serving as a Stake Missionary.

Meetings are being held in the American Legion Cathay Hall, 1530 Powell St. The branch has 42 members and in a recent meeting, 40 were present including 5 investigators.

Two full-time elders are assigned to the "Chinatown" area. Elder John Bailey, from Salt Lake City, is the senior elder. The other missionary, Elder Stephen Holbrook, from Bountiful, Utah, has served a mission in Hong Kong, and speaks fluent Catonese.

Through the activities of the Elders, and branch members, missionaries are being well received by leading business and professional people in Chinatown.

The Branch will hold a concert in the Victory Hall on Stockton, April 15, at 3:30 p.m., where the Bay Ward Choir will present "The Story of Mormonism in Song".

University Ward

Pot Luck For Young Marrieds

By Jean M. Wilson

Young Marrieds of University ward held their monthly pot luck at the home of Uwe and Louise Hansen March 17. Mae Roberts' green-frosted cake was a St. Patrick's day treat.

Recent recruits are Steve Kovacich and Jan Harrison who were married in the Salt Lake Temple February 15. Mark Bailey and Mary Aschmann also joined the ranks of the young happily married at the end of February, and are now living in Hayward. Ed Bailey and Judy Jaynes of Sacramento were married January 27 and now live in Berkeley while Ed attends the University of California.

Forthcoming marriages include Phyllis Kreage and Bob Rice of San Francisco; and Steward Robertson and Myrna Nielsen will shortly be married.

Wins Borden Award At Cal

Dorothy Coltrin of University ward has won the Borden award which is given annually to the graduating senior with the highest grade-point average in nutrition at the University of California. She is the third member of University ward to receive this honor. The others were Lila Parent Bringhurst and Jean Reiche Davis.

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Little Phrases

By Isaac B. Ball

"Blessed are They Who Hunger and Thirst After Righteousness'.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled is the fourth beatitude (Matthew 5) which Jesus uttered when he went up into a mountain; and when he was set his disciples came unto him and he opened his mouth and taught them what we now call the beatitudes.

What does it mean, to hunger and thirst after righteousness?

Perhaps Jesus' whole life is the best example of the meaning of this particular saying. He pursued his loving ministry as zealously as anyone who hungers and thirsts seeks food and water and he was filled with joy as a result. He continuously sought to perform deeds of righteousness by 'doing good', tirelessly moving from one community to another to comfort and instruct and heal the masses and to establish his church.

As an example recall how Jesus taught the gospel to the woman who had come to draw water at the well in Samaria where Jesus sat while his disciples had gone to purchase food for the mid-day meal.

When the disciples had returned and had spread the food before him they urged Jesus to partake, saying "Master eat". Seemingly he hesitated. He was still feasting with joy because the humble woman had believed.

Note his answer: "I have meat to eat that thee know not off;" and then he added, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me and to finish his work." That was it, his first and constant hunger was for this spiritual meat-to do so Father's will, that is, to do good, to spread righteousness (goodness and truth) everywhere and as long as he lived, and to be filled with joy that he received from this ministry.

With the joy of this righteousness goodness Jesus was filled. Nothing brings such joy as service to others in the spirit of love and blessing. Such is the testimony of our active missionaries and our active church workers in whatever position they are called to serve and help build the Kingdom. They want nothing so much as to press on and on and accomplish more and more.

They are filled with joy because they have hungered and thirsted after righteousness.

3 Graduated From U. Of C.

By Jean Wilson

Three members of University ward were graduated from the University of California this January: John Cosgriff of San Francisco was graduated in Biology and is currently serving his country in the army; Richard Brock obtained his degree in mechanical engineering and has moved out of the ward; Jean Merrill Wilson was graduated in Child Development, and is now student teaching fifth grade at Cragmont school in Berkeley; and Dorothy Coltrin has won the Borden Award which is given annually to the graduating senior with the highest grade-point average in nutrition at U.C.

Lila Parent Bringhurst and her husband, Dr. Deon Bringhurst, have just welcomed a baby boy, born February 28.

Another former member of the ward, Dr. Jay Welch, has been chosen as dean of the School of Music at the University of Utah. He is also assistant choral director of the Morman Tabernacle Choir.

The Relief Society held a successful evening social Thursday, March 15 at which Miss McKinnon from Fraser's of Berkeley, spoke on table settings.

Cal-Stanford "Farm Party"

A farm party was held March 10 with members of Lambda Delta Sigma from Stanford joining with University of California members for fun, square dancing and an auction. A film on rockets was shown at the Cal chapter meeting March 1, and Bruce Merrill related his recent adventures at the Mardi Gras in New Orleans. Lambda Delts will head for Golden Gate park, Saturday, March 24, for a day of picnicking and fun.

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Lafayette-Orinda

Break Ground, New Chapel, In April-May

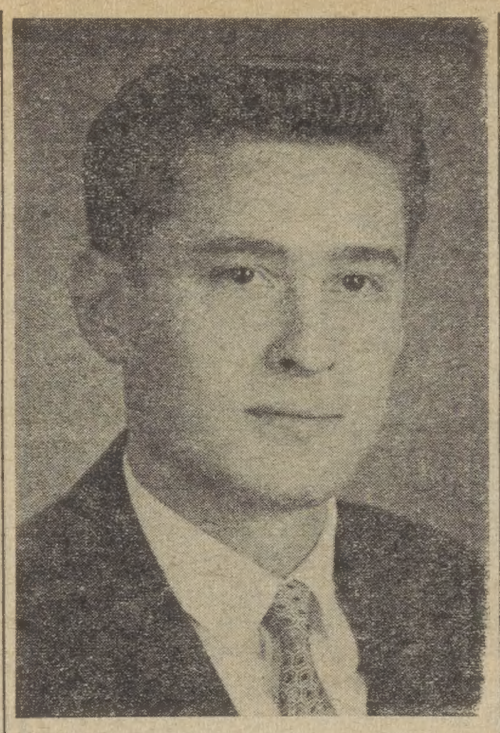
Ground breaking for the Lafayette-Orinda Chapel will be in late April or early May. The building will contain 15,500 square feet. The chapel seating capacity is 351 but when the lounge and recreation area are opened up there will be room for 1000 to sit in full view of the podium. The building will be of colored blocks similar to that of the Menlo Park Chapel.

Dick Barnes, a former member of our ward, visited and told of news in New York where he and his family are now living. Sister Barnes and the children are well and are active in their new ward.

The MIA presented a musical "Magic Moments of Melody" featuring Blaine and Ruth Wilson, accompanied by Marjorie Woods Remington. Presented were selections from Naughty Marietta, Student Prince, My Fair Lady, Camelot, Tosca, Carousel and The Sound of Music. All proceeds went toward our new Chapel.

Sister Nalder presided at a special Fireside for parents her topic being that of youth-parent relationships.

We have one new baby in our ward, a girl, born to Rodlyn and Zula Jensen during the first part of March.



DONALD W. PATTERSON, honored at a farewell testimonial in the Balboa ward chapel Feb. 11, is now serving in the British Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Elder Patterson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Patterson of Balboa ward.

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Sally Sommer Is Prize Cook

Sally Ann Sommer, 18 year old graduate of Polytechnic High School, Long Beach, the grand daughter of Katie Simpson (one of Alameda ward's best cooks) was the Grand Prize winner in Seventeen Magazine's "Favorite Recipe Contest".

Sally who named her recipe "Grandma's Hotcakes," said, "My grandmother developed this recipe, I did my best to record the measurements using a little of this and a little of that."

Sally and her sister Gail have been houst-bound six months recovering from injuries suffered in an automobile accident early last Fall. Among the prizes (far too numerous to mention) is a trip to Washington, D.C., and a four-day trip in New York City — her sister Gail is sharing this with her. Sally will return to Nevada to attend the University. She had to postpone her education due to the accident.

Ladies of Alameda Ward gathered around Sister Simpson to copy the "Grand Prize Winner" recipe at Relief Society meeting.

Hawaiian Trip

Dr Bill Jackson and his wife, Audrey, of San Leandro ward, enjoyed a trip to Hawaii, then continued on to Japan, in February. They have returned to Southern California where Dr. Bill will take a residency in general medicine at the Ventura county hospital.

HELEN RAHLFS, twelfth missionary currently serving from the Oakland Fourth ward, was honored at a farewell testimonial Sunday evening, March 25. She will serve in the Alaskan-Canadian mission.

Record Set, S. F. Stake

A new, one-trip record for temple endowments was set during the weekend of March 9-10 by members of the San Francisco stake when 150 members, traveling charter buses, private automobiles and public transportation, spent the two-day weekend participating in approximately 500 endowments, in the Los Angeles Temple.

A 5:30 a.m. testimony meeting, Friday, was organized and scheduled by Stake President Ervin G. Derrick, and conducted by President M. Dale Ensign, first counselor to president Derrick. President Wayne Brown, second counselor, and 105 other members also attended.

Some members participated in as many as ten endowments during the two day trek.

Noteworthy: five families from Daly City had their sealing ordinances performed. This added to the already great spiritual manifestation that was present at the testimony meeting as well as during the temple sessions.

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Speech Contest

The Oakland Second ward speech contest was won by Norman Larsen who spoke on "Love Your Neighbor." Norman is the eldest of five sons of Carl and Wanda Larsen. He has been an active member of the Church for almost seven years; is an Eagle Scout and a holder of the Duty to God award.

Reunion For Ute Students

A reunion of couples living in Northern California who lived in Stadium Village while attending the University of Utah will be held Saturday, April 14, 8:00 p.m., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Kent Burnett, 1591 Nuthatch Lane, Sunnyvale, California. For details contact either the Burnett's, phone CH. 5-3871, or Dr. and Mrs. Arnold Isaacson, 866 Gooding Drive, Albany, California, phone LA. 4-8170.

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Bay Bishop 'Y' Lecturer

A San Francisco accounting executive spoke March 9 in the 1962 Executive Lectures series at Brigham Young University. The subject was "A Career in Management Service."

Dale S. Bowen is partner in the national accounting firm of Touche, Ross, Bailey and Smart, is bishop of Palo Alto ward where he lives with his wife, Ruth, and three children.

Mr. Bowen was reared in Logan, and in 1943 received a degree in business administration from Utah State University. After being graduated from USU, he established his own accounting firm

The San Francisco company was later merged with the national accounting firm.

Mr. Bowen is a C.P.A. (California) and the author of numerous articles on uniform accounting and cost control He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the National Association of Accountants, the California Society of Certified Public Accountants and the Stock Exchange Club of San Francisco.

Heads Branch

Word has been received from Andalusia, Alabama, that a former member of Sunset & Balboa Wards has just been sustained as President of that Branch of the church. Brother Herman Neerings was set apart as Branch President Sunday, February 11. Sister Ruth Neerings is Secretary to the Branch Relief Society.

The neerings moved to Andalusia last October, from Balboa Ward.

Temple Trip

March 23 a bus load of San Leandro Ward members left for Los Angeles to work in the temple.

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STEPHEN MARTIN, son of Wendell and Barbara Martin, was honored at a farewell testimonial in the Oakland Fourth ward, Sunday evening, March 18. He will serve in the Argentine Mission. He is the eleventh member of the ward now serving on missions.

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PETER M. PETERSON was eulogized at funeral services March 10 in the Claremont ward, Berkeley. He was 93 years old when he died on March 9. He was 10 years of age when he came to America, from Denmark, with two Mormon missionaries.

Beneficial Life Names 8 To Board March 1

Deseret News, March 1, 1962

Beneficial Life Insurance Co. named eight civic and Church leaders to its board of directors at its annual meeting March 1, 1962.

The directors were announced by President David O. McKay of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which owns the insurance company. President McKay is chairman of the board.

Named to the board are Ezra Taft Benson, LeGrand Richards, and Gordon B. Hinckley, all members of the Council of the Twelve; Henry D. Taylor, an assistant to the Council of Twelve; John S. Vandenberg, the Church's Presiding Bishop, and his counselors Robert L. Simpson and Victor L Brown; and Leland B. Flint, Salt Lake Businessman.

Members renamed to the board in addition to President McKay were President Henry D. Moyle and President Hugh B. Brown of the First Presidency; Joseph Fielding Smith, President of the Council of the Twelve, Harold B. Lee, Spencer W. Kimball, Marion G. Romney, and Howard W. Hunter of the Council of Twelve; and the following: Virgil H. Smith, Orval W. Adams, George J. Cannon, G. Marion Hinckley, W. Rulon White, Ernest Wilkinson, J. Alma Burrows, Eugene P. Watkins, and Conway A. Ashton. Resignation of W. LaMar Webb as a member of the board was accepted.

Beneficial reported year end assets of $112,215,102 — the highest in history and a gain of $7,625,757, said Virgil H. Smith, president of the company. Payments to policyholders and beneficiaries were $7,834,740, while reserves increased $6,002,019.

During 1961 the firm issued or reinstated $86,988,565 in insurance, bringing the total amount in force to $535,167,258. The company paid $1,947,739 to policyholders during the year.

Scouts Visit Planetarium

In conjunction with their study of astronomy, 14 Oakland Second ward Boy Scouts recently visited the planetarium in San Francisco, and the DeYoung Museum. They were accompanied by Robert Stein, Francis Lamph, Joseph Plazola and Wilson Fruge.

Rummage Sale

San Leandro Ward members are urged to save all salable items for the rummage sale to be held May 16.

San Francisco

Seven Girls Rewarded By Trip To S.F.

San Francisco Ward was surprised by a visit at Sunday school, March 11, of a group of seven girls and their chaperones. The young ladies were Miamaids with exceptional attendance records of 60%. They were visiting from San Jose Fifth ward with their teacher, Alice Hinckley and her husband, Cless,

As a reward for their fine attendance record they were sponsored with a visit over the weekend here in San Francisco. They were guests of the Gray Line Tours on Saturday, with the trip to San Francisco; and of the Pickwick Hotel for accomodations over night. Saturday they were guests of the John Robert Powers charm school with a lecture and a tour, then of The White House to observe a Teen Fashion Show. That evening they attended a movie. Sunday morning they were guests for breakfast at Original Joe's restaurant and attended our ward for morning services. Then they wound up the rest of the day, guests of the Bay Cruise Tours, and luncheon at the Hyatt House.

Brother and sister Rene and David Chaffee will be miseed in the San Francisco ward with their moving to Los Altos.

Ward Changes

In the Oakland Second ward, Truman Nethercott has been released as advisor to the Teachers' quorum and called to work as a teacher in the Sunday school. Merien Robins has been called to be Teachers" quorum advisor. Nina Cooper and Sharon Howard have been sustained as teachers in Primary and John Ellis as activity counselor in the young men's mutual improvement association.

Services On March 9 For P. M. Peterson

Funeral Services were held on Saturday, March 10 for Peter M. Peterson of Claremont Ward, Berkeley. His long life of 93 years came to a close on March 9 after one week's illness. He passed away at Merritt Hospital in Oakland.

Peter Merrill Peterson was born November 21, 1863 in Denmark to Peter Niels and Johanna Maria Peterson. When he was 10 years of age he came to America with two Mormon Missionaries. He married Lucina Allred in the Manti Temple. She later died. He then married Amanda Lassen, who later died. In 1946, he married Frances Christopherson of Oakland Ward. He lived in Spring City and Ephraim, Utah for many years. He served a Mission to Norway.

He is survived by his wife, Frances Peterson, Oakland and one daughter, Mrs. Clara Christensen, Mesa, Arizona; 5 sons, Dean R., Tucson, Arizona; Ervin M., Salt Lake City; Jay V., San Jose; Donald A., Seattle; Ray N., San Diego; 11 grand children; 12 great grand children.

Services were held at the Little Chapel of the Flowers in Berkeley. Bishop Joseph E. Wood of Claremont Ward officiating. Invocation was given by Frank C. Higham. Soloist, Dorothy Bench, sang two songs, "God Shall Wipe Away All Tears," and "Oh What a Day." The speakers were Dr. John M. Hughes and Peter W. Easton. Benediction was given by Vinal G. Mauss.

Graveside services were held in Moroni, Utah on Monday, March 12.

Dinner-Dance

Dancing and a smorgasbord dinner were enjoyed by 35 of the Mutual Marrieds from San Leandro Ward at the Commissioned officers' club at the Alameda Naval Air Station, March 8.

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Signe Slangerup Weds L. G. Hale In Salt Lake

Miss Signe Slangerup, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Slangerup of Alameda ward, and Lynn Grant Hale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Karl B. Hale of Salt Lake City were married February 28 in the Temple at Salt Lake City.

A reception was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Karl B. Hale at the East Millcreek stake center, March 2, after which Signe and Lynn journeyed to California where the bride's parents hosted a reception in their honor at the family home March 10.

The bride is a junior at BYU where she plans to continue her studies until graduation. She is assistant concert mistress for the school's symphony orchestra. The bridegroom was graduated from BYU where he served as editor of the Banyan for the class of 1959. He completed an LDS mission to the Northern States and is now in partnership in the Hale Real Estate and Land development company.

Signe and Lynn are making their home on the Alpine Villa ranch, American Fork, where construction on their new home will soon begin.

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Stand In Holy Places, Theme For April 29

"Stand in Holy Places," is the title of the program to be presented by the Hayward ward primary, at Sacrament meeting April 29 for their semi-annual family hour.

Erna Walker is soon to leave for several months visit with her family in Denmark. She will be accompanied by her small son, Blain, while husband Hugh continues his job and his studies here.

Dorothy Ward has been hospitalized again, this time for surgery, and is recovering satisfactorily, although her heart condition still keeps her at home and she welcomes phone calls and visits.

Ramona Foreman directed the ward Singing Mothers in special music for Sacrament Meeting March 18 in commemoration of the Relief Society birthday. Also in celebration of the birthday was a lovely dinner party at the home of Dr. C. Reed Smith, with the presidency, Nadine Smith, Madge Stewart and Joan Hamblin as hostesses. Exchange student, Anna Rosa from Italy, spoke to the group about her homeland and her impressions of life in the United States.

"Save Your Rummage!" is the cry of the Relief Society between now and May, when the sale will be held.

The Genealogy Committee will take part in a Genealogy Workshop to be held in Centerville Ward beginning March 29.

Dave Berg played his guitar and Vic Simard, Kay Bryson, Mike Shane and John and Elaine Hancock were among those who took part in the stake talent show, March 16.

The Primary was delighted by the success of the Penny Parade and wish to thank all those who took part and who contributed: It costs a thousand dollars a day to run the Children's Hospital in Salt Lake.

Cub Pack 816 held their monthly Pack Meeting March 23 in the ward recreation hall.

The Sunday School has recently appointed Sterling Yeamans enlistment director, and has made Vickie Ferriera Sunday School librarian.

The Choir invites you to join them in "fun and learning" by taking part in the Cantata they are preparing for Easter Sunday.

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Rodeo Ward

Irish Dinner On April 20

By Emily Lidtka

April 20, Rodeo Ward will have an Irish dinner consisting of Irish stew, salad, hot rolls, dessert and beverage. This will be served family style with prices of $1.25 for adults, $1.00 for high school students, 50c for children or a $4.00 maximum for a family. We invite each ward member to attend. Also anyone from the other wards are welcome.

The finance committee is planning regular monthly dinners. In March an Italian dinner was enjoyed by approximately 100 persons. Many projects are being planned and many are already in full swing making the ward a beehive of activity. Each Thursday evening all available women are encouraged to meet at the chapel to assist Sister Severson with a sewing project. This group will make clothes to order. They now have on hand several peddle-pusher and bermuda short sets for the children, corduroy overalls, dresses, baby clothes and numerous other items all at a cost unbelievably low.

A rummage sale will be held in Richmond on April 12. You may bring rummage to the chapel or call Sister Marie Hurn.

The latest fireside was held at the home of Arthur & Sharon Wells where Artie showed films concerning his recent mission in the New England States.

David Bruce was graduated from Primary in March and was ordained a deacon. David's mother, Ruth Bruce, has been a faithful Primary worker. She has been the secretary for more than seven years.

Other ordinations this past month were new converts Dean Heller and John Kimball who were ordained deacons; Norman Radcliffe, Michel Luebeck and Terry Davis were ordained teachers; and Lonnie Byars, Thomas Redmon and James Stout were advanced to the office of priest.

The Bill Ranstrom family who have just returned to the states after serving on a work mission in New Zealand has settled in our ward. They gave a report on their work mission in sacrament meeting. Bro. Ranstrom is the new Asst. Superintendent in Sunday School, replacing Richard Hess who is teaching the Investigator's Class.

Jerry Dean Hamaker was baptized and confirmed a member of the Church.

Diana Lynn, baby daughter of the Kenneth Davises was blessed last fast Sunday.

Rodeo Ward Extra! Naomi Ogden, wife of Bishop E. Dene Ogden, gave birth Feb. 21 to a 10 pound 12 ounce boy whom they have named Gary Lynn. He is the sixth child of the Bishop Ogdens and the fourth son. His brothers and sisters are Marilyn, Janis, James, Ronald, and David.

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Berkeley Second

Ward Award Won By Boys

By Olea Woolf

Berkeley II Ward has qualified for the Aaronic priesthood award due to more than 50% of the boys winning individual awards for the year of 1961. Five priests qualified, 17 teachers, and 10 deacons. The awards were presented during the March 11 sacrament service. Following the service, a reception was held for George Olson to honor his faithful service in the ward bishopric.

High priests and seventies of the ward met a challenge from the seminary students to compete in a basketball game, Friday, March 9. After an exciting game the seminary students finally managed to eke out a 29 to 26 victory. In spite of the all-out effort on the part of the older members, the only casualty was John Franz who suffered a broken wrist.

At the monthly High Priests quorum meeting music was furnished by some of the talented young ladies of the ward. Sherry and Gail Evans sang a duet accompanied by Margie Brown at the piano and Jeannie Hayes on the violin.

Naturalist Warren Larson has been kept busy with a number of speaking engagements. He has been invited to appear at the Protestant Church Ladies Aid Society, at the Oakland Rotary Natural Science Meeting, for the Sierra Club, and at a fireside program in Modesto.

The Larsons are enjoying the visit of a house guest from Munchen-Gladbach, West Germany, Sister Elizabeth Lempke who was baptized by their son David who is serving on a mission in Germany. Neal Larson, son of Dr. and Mrs. Warren Larson has graduated from the University of California where he majored in mathematics, and has joined the Naval Aviation Reserve. In May he will enter on 6 months active duty at the Naval Aviation Electronics school in Memphis Tennessee.

David Balmforth and Kent Rasmussen are meeting their service requirements by joining the U.S. Coast Guard in Alameda where they will serve 6 months active duty.

Lydia Tiergaard and Elizabeth Kenny have accepted calls to teach Sunday School. Ann Cluff has been added as a new teacher in the Young Ladies Mutual Improvement association.

Victor and Ada Lindblad enjoyed a visit from her sister and brother-in-law Ann and L.S. Dunn from Ogden, Utah.

Diana Malstram is reported to be successfully recovering from a recent operation. Also, Thomas DeRouen has undergone surgery and Sister Nellie Carleton is recovering from a recent illness.

Danny Weber, son of Edwin and Jean Weber, and James Hammond, son of Robert and Elly Hammond were baptized at the monthly service held in the stake center.

The Hammonds new baby was blessed by Bob and given the name of Sue Ellen at the last Sacrament meeting.

David Owens is expected to return from the Berlin Mission, April 1, and on April 2 plans to enter Stanford University to continue his studies toward a degree in law.

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Berkeley First

Happy Holidays, Bazaar Theme On March 31st

By Charlene Jenson

"Happy Holidays" was theme of the ward bazaar, March 31. Gordon Rose was chairman with Ken Bailey and Fred Duker as co-chairman. Alma Dean Feller was chief decorator and Glen Harmon, Jr., in charge of publicity. Fred Duker also took charge of the dinner. Everyone who attended had a good time at the fish pond white elephant sale, and handiwork booth, just to mention a few of the attractions. After the dinner, "piecing" was made possible by scores, pop and candy. Pies and cakes were taken home for the next day.

The MIA has recruited some new workers. Shirley Lee, Mia Maids; Jocelyn Kingdon, Publicity; Marge Sabine and Ron Badouin, dance directors. Marge Sabine is starting a dance class once a month on Friday. The Special Interest class had an interesting evening at Brother I. B. Ball's home, on March 13. Bob Wilson from the University Ward provided entertainment and Brother Ball gave interesting tidbits from the history of his life.

Les and Judith Babbitt from Florida are co-workers in the Sunday School clerical department.

Joseph Eyring has been chosen chairman of the BYU Destiny Fund for the stake. The kick-off dinner was held March 17.

All of the leaders in the ward have been greatly benefited by the new priesthood correlation program. The membership cards are reproduced on the latest type of machinery so that all up-to-the-minute changes are made. Other wards are now beginning to question Brother Allen Clyde about it.

The Clyde family (Janet and Allen) are pleased to have their little girl (Deborah) home from the hospital. Deborah weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. and was born March 11.

Brother and Sister Woodrow Bates had their baby girl on March 4, and so did the Don Jensons. The parents of Charlene Jenson came from Utah especially for this event. Charles D. Sessions, the grandfather, blessed little David.

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Glenn Chinn Wins Honors

Dean John Atherton has announced 92 students qualifying for the Dean's List for the first semester at Claremont Men's College, including Glenn N. Chinn, a freshman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Quentin T. Chinn, 5724 Fern St., El Cerrito. A student must maintain an average of B or better to be named to the Dean's List.

Glenn, a Priest in the Aaronic Priesthood, also made honor recently in being chosen as one of a team of four Claremont Men's College freshmen to win a superior award during the Southern California Collegiate Forensic Debate Tournament held in El Camino, Calif.

Chinn and his team, all participating in their first debate, discussed the pros and cons of labor organizations—anti-trust legislation. Thirty-five colleges and universities took part in the tournament.

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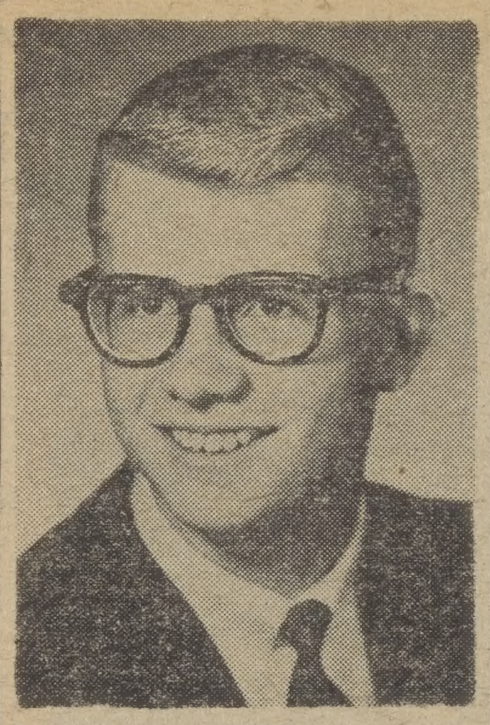
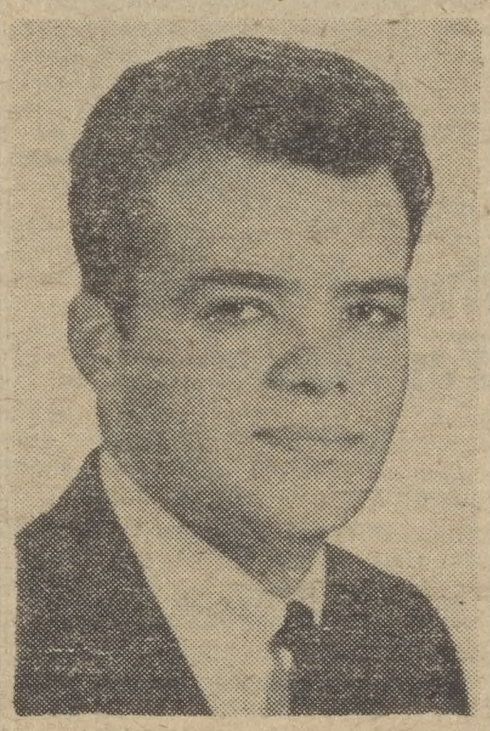


DAVID C. HOOPES, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo N. Hoopes, of Oakland Third ward, called to serve in the Argentine Mission, will be honored at a Farewell Testimonial April 15 in the Oakland Third ward.



RODNEY HARRIS, son of Mrs. Lora Austin, Balboa Second ward's first full-time missionary since the change in ward boundaries in May of 1961, was honored at a ferewell testimonial the evening of Feb. 18 and entered the Mission home in Salt Lake City March 5. He arrived in East Central States Mission headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky, the week of March 12.

ANDREW GEORGE STREBEL, son of George L. and Alda M. Strebel of Berkeley First ward, is completing his three-months training at Brigham Young University, and expects to leave for his field of labor about the middle of April. Under a new program established by the church, Elders assigned to Argentine or Mexican missions now spend three months of their mission at the BYU in an intensive language study program.

Hawaiian Luau

A Hawaiian Luau was held on March 22 under the direction of the Mutual with proceeds to go to the San Leandro Ward building fund. Fresh fruits, with plump pineapples, chicken with rice, mushrooms, the beautiful setting, and delightful entertainment, typically Hawaiian, made the evening one to be remembered.

Richmond Ward

Boyach Family Ward Speakers

By Mima Williams

An interesting evening was held recently in the Richmond Ward chapel featuring the Clifton D. Boyack family who have recently returned from four years in New Zealand. While on leave of absence from the Berkeley school district, Dr. Boyack served as President of the New Zealand Church College.

The College has had outstanding success and continued student growth during its four years of operation. Student attendance for 1960-61 reached a high of 518 with dormitories crowded.

An oil painting on black velvet of a distinguished Maori mother which had been presented to the Boyack family by the student body and faculty, was displayed during the evening. Accompanied by her mother on the organ, Margary Boyack sang a native hymn, "Come To The Savior." The Boyacks remarked how impressed they were with the increased spiritual as well as academic growth of the natives of New Zealand.

Myrna Schwartz was chosen to represent Richmond Ward at an MIA Speech Festival held recently. Others participating were Richard Tidwell, Daryl Chinn, Marie Schiess, Susan Berg and Don Jenkins. A retold story was given by Albert Morriss; musical numbers by Michele Cecil, Cheryl Ballard, and the Adams family, and a scriptural reading by Leon Henderson.

Recent changes in ward officers are: Mary Cox sustained as assistant ward organist; Fred Chester released as Scout Troop Chairman and James Adams sustained; Delores Freeman released as Chairman of Ward Education Committee and Leola Esperson sustained; Anna Lee O'Connor released as Relief Society work director counselor and Emma Hinkley sustained.

Babies blessed: Dee Ann Thomson, Kenneth Lewis Carlson, Cathie Sue Kelsey, and Phillip Johnson DeLaMare.

Baptized and confirmed: Gale LaVaughn Thorn, Laurina Wightman, Lori Wilson, Virginia Lee Stone and Leslie Millward.

The Berkeley 2nd and Richmond Wards met together recently in observance of the 52nd anniversary of Scouting in America. A Court of Honor was held and many awards were received. Awards presented to Post 113 for Jr. Rifle Marksmanship were: Richard Tidwell, Roger Britt, Daryl Chinn, Gordon Flinders, Lewis Massey, Neill O'Brien, Jay Barker, Verl Davis, Richard Parson, Robert Holder, Leon Henderson, and David Esperson.

Recently a Youth Missionary Committee was organized with Ernest Henderson as President. Others on the committee are: Leon Henderson, Cheryl Ballard, Marie Schiess, Connie Jensen, Raniece Wightman, Michele Cecil, Richard Tidwell, Richard Cavin, Philip Wagner, and Junius Jenson.

BOB WIMMER, son of Wallace R. and Lenna Wimmer of the San Lorenzo ward has been selected as honor student of the Brigham Young University. His over--all grade average is 3.92. He has his major in German and his minor in Russian language.

Bob Wimmer Wins Honor

Bob Wimmer, son of Wallace R. and Lenna Wimmer of the San Lorenzo Ward, has been selected as Honor Student of the Brigham Young University. His over-all grade average is 3.92. He has his major in German and his minor in the Russian Language, and he also speaks several other languages fluently.

He is an avid out-door sportsman and has taught skiing in Austria and Utah. He is a member of the International Folk Dance Group. On a mission to Germany he spent the greater part of his time as assistant to the mission president and as Superintendent of the YMMIA.

Bob translated for many of the church officials both in East and West Berlin and for Elder Ezra Taft Benson when he was on his tour of that country as head of the department of agriculture on government assignment. He also wrote and published several books in the German language for the young people of the church there.

At the present time he is President of the German Club which consists of about 700 members, a member of Phi Kappa Phi, a teaching assistant for the German Department at the B.Y.U. He is a candidate for the Danforth Fellowship and has plans to get his M.A. degree at U.C.L.A.

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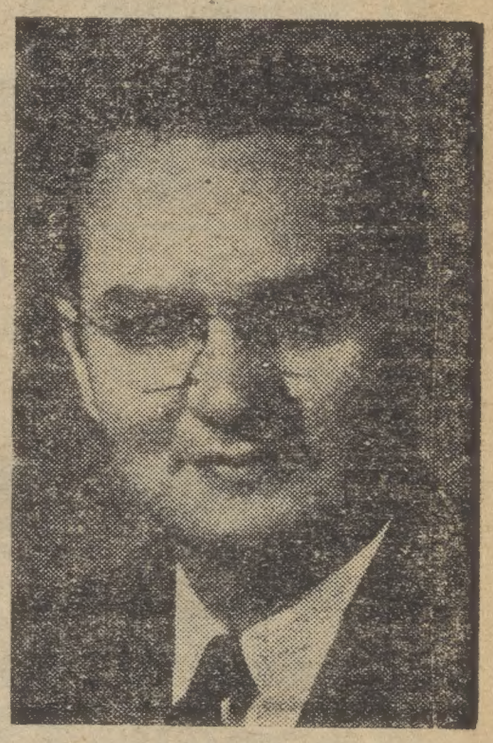


EXPLORER POST 802, activated only four months ago, now has 19 boys and five commissioned officers, all in uniform, actively engaged in the full program recommended by the Church. Explorer Advisor Leonard Lyon is shown in the front row, center. Associate advisors are Lloyd Silva, Ed Billings, Ross Angeli. The young men and their leaders are planning a super-activity program for the summer and are now raising funds for the program. One of their long-range programs is to have all members of the post qualify for emergency service in case of disaster. At Hayward stake conference, Feb. 25, 16 Explorers and 5 leaders, were ushers.
—Photo by Charles Ruiz

Temple Fund Is Complete

By Betty Moss

During March, Claremont ward completed their pledge toward the Oakland Temple. The Bishopric was pleased with ward member's responne to the project. If there are any members who would still like to make contributions toward the Temple fund, however, these will still be welcomed, since it is important that we exceed our basic goal.

Bishop Wood informs us that the response to the request for 1½% of our incomes for welfare and ward maintenance has been good. We were a little short this month, however, and he hopes that everyone will try to do his part.

Dorothy Bench has accepted the Presidency of the YWMIA. She has chosen Beverly Merrill and LaRae Grant as her counselors.

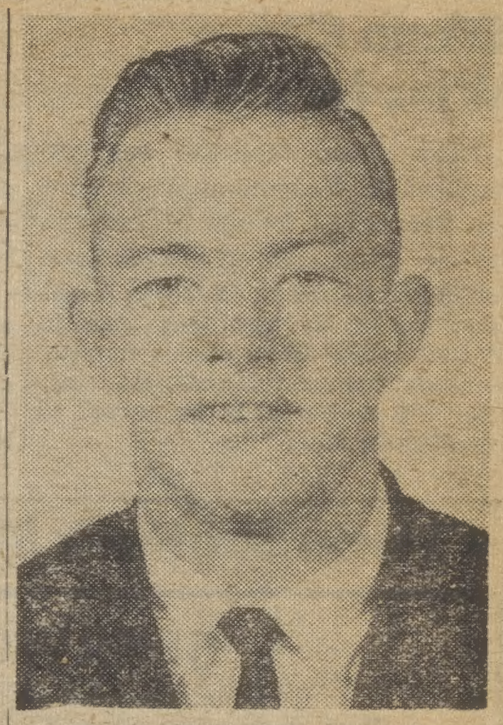
Recent Young Marrieds firesides have included discussions by Joe Wood and Dwight Powell. Mary Johnson, Nancy Reid, and Nico Snell, forming a violin, cello, and piano trio, recently presented an evening of music at a combined Young Marrieds and High Priests' fireside.

With the spring weather here, the Scouts are beginning to go to Tilden for their Tuesday night activities. Recent evenings have been spent on fire building, cooking out, and chopping wood. The Explorers have taken trips to the fire station and the police station.

The Elders' quorum is sponsoring a food project for those in the Ward interested in purchasing a year's supply. They will have flour, dried milk, and yeast continually on hand. Every month an additional item will be featured, such as wheat, raw sugar, and dehydrated foods.

Specifications for the new sound system in the chapel have been approved, and the equipment should be in working order in about two months.

Catherine and Robert Patterson are parents of a baby boy born recently.



GORDON FRALICK, son of Gerald and Mildred Fralick, and brother of Terry, of Alameda ward, has been called to labor in the British South-west Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He will be honored at a farewell testimonial Sunday, April 15, in the Alameda ward.

P-TA President

Barbara Langlois of Berkeley Second ward, has been elected president of the El Cerrito high school P-TA. Also elected were Lucille Cain, vice president, and Grace Hopkins, recording secretary.

New Bishop Balboa 2nd

Vinal R. Lefler was released as Bishop of Balboa II ward on the evening of March 11. He has been very ill for the last several months and his release was ordered by his physician. Vinal Lefler served as Bishop in Mission Ward for over four years and was called as Bishop in the newly organized Balboa II Ward when the Stake boundaries were changed in May 1961. He has served faithfully and well and has been of great inspiration in many ways. He was such a good leader in promoting Temple work that at one time two bus loads of people attended the Los Angeles Temple from Mission Ward alone.

Don C. Grimes has been sustained as the new Bishop with counselors Ray Gardiner and Jan Iverson.

Bishop Grimes joined the church in San Francisco when he was 13 years of age, being the first of his family to become a member. His mother and step-father joined later. Bishop Grimes became interested in the church through the Scout program while Irving Bigelow was his scoutmaster. Later he moved to Idaho and served a mission in Argentina from 1949 to 1952. He was a jet pilot in the Air Force and is now studying for his Masters degree in Music at San Francisco State College. He expects to teach in the Bay Area this fall. Bishop Grimes and his wife, the former Carol Smith of Panama City, Florida, have three children, Gay Lyn, Joy and David.

Ray Gardiner, first counselor, is a recent convert to the church—having joined in Santa Rosa in 1951. He was baptized by Floyd Griffith, formerly Bishop of Sunset Ward. He served as Elders Quorom President for three years in San Bruno Ward and has served a Stake Mission in South San Francisco previously to his residence in Balboa II Ward. His wife is the former Ethel Southwick of Long Beach, and they have two sons, Bill and Ray.

Jan Iverson has lived most of his life in Portland, Oregon. He served a mission in the East Central States from 1956 to 1958 and then entered the Army. He was stationed at the Presidio for awhile and there met his wife, the former Beth Webster. They were married in the Los Angeles Temple in September 1960 and now have a baby daughter, Jana Marie.

Oakland Second

Sword Dance For Dinner

By Betty Grommesh

Oakland Second ward had a successful Welfare Dinner just recently and everything was fine except that we ran out of food. However our Bishop has a plan so that will never happen again. The entertainment, as one spectator said, was out of this world. A Fire and Sword Dance was performed by a new member of our ward, a son of Brother Te'o. He was accompanied on the drum by Vaoalii Fanene Sr. Also many numbers were sung by the "Horizons". This is the two Stam Brothers and two friends. We were also favored (through the medium of portable TV) of seeing them on the Ben Alexander Show ,in a contest.

We lost one of our members this month with the death of Theo Alexander who had been in critical condition for some time. He was born in Roosevelt, Utah, but had made his home in Oakland for about 25 years. He was survived by his wife, Louise.

In the general news this month is the confirmation of Irene Wachter and Nellie Parrish. Irene is the mother of Carl Wachter former member of our ward and Nellie is the grandmother of Sharon Parrish who was confirmed last December. Richard Bromley son of Jess and Elaine Bromley was given a blessing.

William Beard has been ordained an Elder and he and his family will be on the Temple excursion the third week of this month.

We report that Mabel Drushal is two months ahead of the usual recovery from surgery like hers. Bishop Drushal says this is due to ing." With the deepest emotion ing." With the deepest emotion he says thanks to all of you.

Leona Bennett is in the San Leandro convalsecent home to speed up her return to health.

Music-Evening Set For April

"An evening of music" will be presented by Sunya Evans of University ward and Dorothy Bench of Claremont ward, Saturday, April 7, at the Berkeley Piano club 2724 Haste Street, Berkeley. The public is invited to the program which includes vocal solos and duets.

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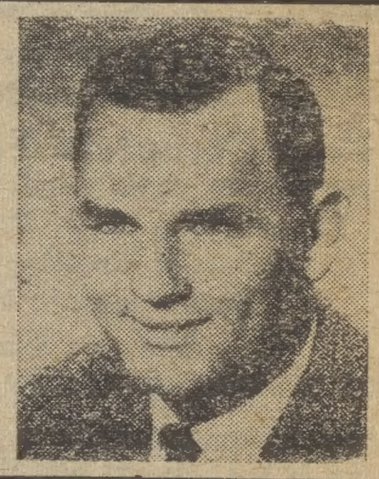

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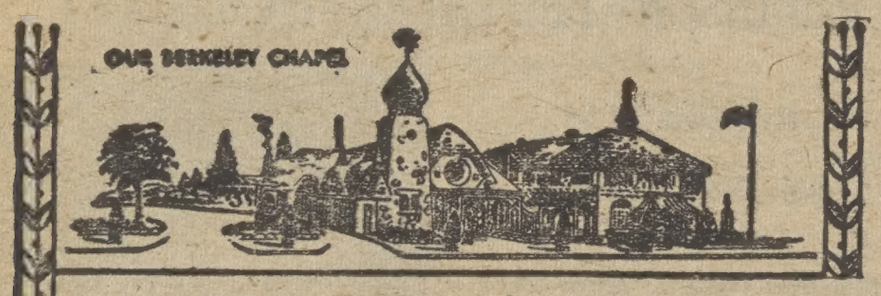

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JAMES SUDWEEKS, son of Lee and Hope Sudweeks of Pleasant Hill ward has received his Duty to God Award for his outstanding participation in Scouting and the Aaronic Priesthood.

ERNEST W. HENDERSON, called to serve in the Andes Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be honored at a missionary farewell April 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the Richmond ward chapel, 330 Carlson avenue, Richmond. He is a son of former Richmond ward Bishop Ernest W. and Marjorie Henderson.

Danville Ward

Lunch Fetes R.S. Birthday

By Elizabeth O'N ion

Danville Ward Relief Society enjoyed their Birthday Luncheon following Ruth Coffee's literature lesson. Elma Madsen paid tribute to Relief Society. At our forthcoming work meeting there will be a demonstration on bread-making, with stress being placed on the practical arts of home making.

Friday, February 16, the Daddy Date dinner was held at the home of Donna Lynch, the Gaynote leader. Joyce Strom, the Merrihand leader, was in charge of the arrangements for 151 young ladies and their daddies for an evening of dinner and games. A special "Tribute to a Daughter" was given by Leonard Larson followed by a "Tribute to a Father" by Christy Larson. Fern Christiansen, Stake Primary President, was a special guest.

The Primary Penny Parade has been completed and a sizeable contribution goes to the Children's Hospital in Salt Lake.

We are proud of our Mutual Speech Festival contestants, Kathy Prince and Anne Swenson, who gave talks, February 28. Kathy Prince will participate in the Stake Speech Festival on April 1. Other high lights of the ward festival were retold stories by Kathy Kimball and Gloria Halverson, and a reading by activity counselor, Maxine Pickett.

Our Ward MIA activity committee held its first planning brunch session at at the home of Maxine Pickett, where the Valentine Potluck Dinner party was planned. Committee members present included Larry Edgar, Bob Chaney, Gloria and Callie Halverson, and Anne Swenson.

Laurels from the Danville MIA who modeled at the Stake Laurel Fashion night were Karen Hodge, Anne Swenson, Maureen Lynch, Marlane Ratliff. Our Ward Mutual is pleased to have had Cathy Schofield and daughter, Sandra, selected to speak at the "So Dear to My Heart" Stake MIA Maid evening for Mothers and Daughters.

NOW SETTLED IN THEIR Castro Valley home after their recent marriage in the Castro Valley Chapel are Mr. and Mrs. William M. Willson. The bride was formerly Marjorie Smith daughter Rowland B. and Nell Smith. Bill and Marj were married by Bishop Wilford T. Webb who has been a family friend since before Marj was born. She chose for her only attendant Dorothy Jean Brown, daughter of Bishop and Mrs. Heber J. Brown. The young couple are both active in the Castro Valley Ward, Bill as advisor to the Deacons and assistant scout-master and Marj as Junior Sunday School teacher and M.I.A. music director. —photo by Al Scheuller

Walnut Creek

Cubs Annual Dinner Held

Cub Scouts, under the direction of Cubmaster Gene Crowell, held their annual blue and gold dinner February 26. After potluck, Mrs. Parsons' Den presented a skit, "Parade of Presidents". Taking part were Douglas Spencer, Cortland Hilton, Terry Parsons, Steven Mayfield, and Blake Christenson. Gilbert Smith delighted everyone with a few magic tricks, following this the main topic of business was the induction of Gary Oates into Judy Jewkes' den.

Gail Schow was chosen winner in the Speech Festival which is sponsored by the MIA. Other contestants were: Bob Parnell, Cathy Moore, Martha Trueblood and Suzanne Hilton.

Aaronic Priesthood members over 21, under leadership of Lew Cottle have begun 10 weeks of informative classes. Each class with a different instructor will be held at the Walnut Creek Ward Chapel on Monday nights, from 7:30 to 9:00. Previous to this the members enjoyed a steak dinner held at the Chapel, and a Cottage Meeting held at Brother Cottle's home. A special invitation is issued to anyone interested in attending the classes.

Max Green has been released from the ward educational committee and Ted Christenson has been sustained to fill the position.

First year seminary class with their teacher, Armand Mauss, recently enjoyed an afternoon of games and volley ball, after which root beer and hamburgers were served.

New members in our Ward, baptized and confirmed this month, were Russell D. Kesler, John R. Moore, Melinda J. Redfield, Matthew F. Hilton, and Allen G. Rounds.

It has been announced that the annual birthday party for the ward will be held April 13.

Congratulations to the Dean Hurds, they have a new son; and to the James Meachams who have a new daughter.

Correction: It was incorrectly stated in the last Messenger, Millie Clement was replacing Phylis Christopherson as chorister in Relief Society, it should have been organist.

Hold Special "Fast" Days

"The paying of a full tithing and other financial obligations in the interest of declaring our faith in the Lord, and to aid in the construction of all new church buildings, is one of the greatest opportunities the Latter Day Saints have ever received." So declared president Ervin G. Derrick to 98 Stake leaders who assembled at a Fast and Testimony meeting in the Stake Center, Sunday, February 11, at 5:00 a.m.

This meeting was preceded by a full fast since Friday evening, during which time the leaders were asked to join in a special time of prayer in the interest of touching the hearts of our people who are not active, and in increasing leaders' ability to accomplish the work.

President Derrick read a letter from The First Presidency which outlined the tremendous growth of the church and the need for additional buildings.

On February 25, each of the wards in the stake held a like fast and testimony meeting. Half were held at 5:00 a.m. and half at 6:00

Ashman-Bailey

Mary Ashman, daughter of Retta Gilbert of the Berkeley second ward, was married to Mark Bailey in the Los Angeles temple, February 24. The bridegroom is attending Alameda State college and the bride is teaching school in Hayward.

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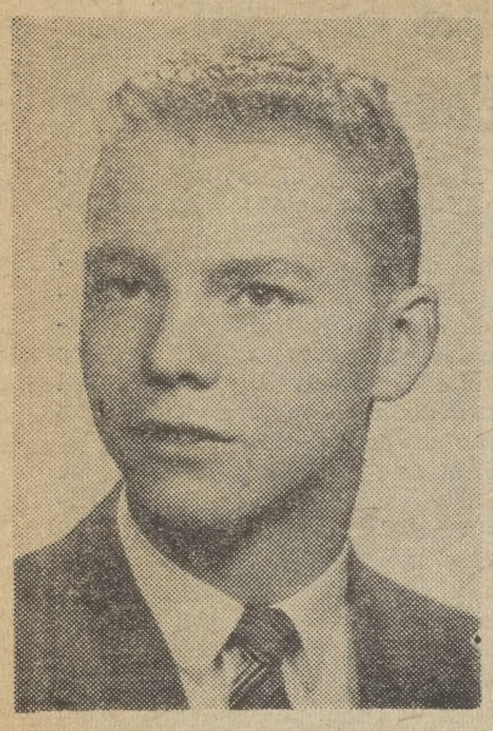

JOHN WALLIS JOHNSON, Jr., son of John and Bonnie Johnson, of the Oakland Third ward, has received his missionary call to the Central Atlantic states. He was honored at a farewell testimonial March 25 and enters the mission home in Salt Lake City April 9.

Tutor Service Offers Help

Students who need help, parents who care, and instructors who are able to help, are brought together in a new "triangle of educational development" in the Bay Area by formation of Educational Services of California.

Offering assistance in elementary, high school and college levels, and in all subjects, the newly formed company is headed by C. Duane Crooks. Offices and classrooms are located at 3410 Lakeshore Avenue, Oakland.

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Back Food Storage Plan

For more than two years the High Priests of San Leandro stake have been sponsoring a food storage plan featuring low moisture foods because it was felt that there is less chance of spoilage with that kind of food, it keeps longer with less loss of food value, and takes less space, according to a report from Richard S. Smead.

To help church members meet the admonition of the church to have a year's supply of food on hand, a well-stocked store is maintained in San Leandro stake, in the rear of the San Lorenzo ward parking lot. Store hours are 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For appointfents other evenings, or Saturdays, interested persons may phone BR. 8-2263.

The store is the only Perma-Pak distributor in the East Bay, reports Brother Smead.

When the Berkeley food store on San Pablo went out of business in February, the San Leandro H-P Food storage purchased all the "Carry-Pak" and "Pantri-Pak" items, and are offering them to Scout troops and campers at substantial discounts during the month of April.

Oakland Four Sends 3 More

With three farewell testimonials this month, the Oakland Fourth ward's full-time missionaries, now serving, reached a record total of 12.

Richard Wood, who will serve in the Brazilian South mission, was honored March 11; Stephen J. Martin, who will serve in the Argentine mission, was honored March 18; and Helen Rahlfs on March 25, in the Oakland Fourth ward chapel.

Helen, daughter of Elsa Rahlfs, will serve in the Alaskan-Canadian mission. Converted four years ago through the efforts of a close friend and the full-time missionaries of the Northern California mission, Helen has served two years as speech director in the ward Mutual Improvement association; two years as Sunday School organist and one year as ward organist.

She attended BYU for one year and worked in Salt Lake City, where she served as Sunday School secretary. Since returning to Oakland in June 1961 she has served as a resident missionary in the Oakland-Berkeley stake. She has studied violin, piano, organ, and has sung in several choirs since early childhood.

Stephen was graduated from Fremont high school, has attended Oakland City college, and has qualified for five individual awards in the Aaronic Priesthood program. At the time of his call to a full-time mission he was serving as a resident missionary in the Northern California mission. His father, Wendell C. Martin is also serving as a resident missionary in this area. His mother, Barbara, is genealogy instructor. His brother, Robert, returned in 1961 from a full-time mission

Mission Ward

Workshop And New Class

A workshop and a new special class are being offered in the Mission ward.

Started on March 22, a genealogical workshop will be held every second and fourth Thursday from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the ward building. Teacher is Elverda Henry. For information, call her at MI. 8-6333.

Members of the Aaronic Priesthood and their wives are invited to attend the special ward evening class every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Teacher is Gene Welling.

February 27 George L. Hall died. He was the father of Sloan Hall, second counselor to Bishop Barber, and of Ellis Hall. His burial was in Hyrum, Utah.

Richard Holmes, new second assistant Sunday School Superintendent, replaces Andrew Carson. Elverda Henry is now assistant teacher, Family Exultation Sunday School Class. The ward Scouting Committee is made up of David Urban, chairman, with Donald Laws, Richard Holmes, and Larry Lollar, committeemen.

In March, 1962, Louis F. Celentano, Rex B. Child, and Leonard W. Cryer were ordained Elders in the Melchidezek priesthood. They are the sons of Louis Celentano, first counselor to Bishop Barber; Kenneth Child; and Walter H. Cryer, ward clerk, respectively.

Sunday, April 22, the Junior and regular Sunday School will present special Easter Day programs. All ward children, and their parents, are invited.

During the Easter School vacation, a special temple trip for children is planned by San Francisco Stake. All Mission Ward children who are eligible to do baptism work for the dead, any who would like to go on this trip, should make arrangements with the bishop as soon as possible. To-date, the ward has done 175 endowments at the Los Angeles Temple. Many of these were done by the Meachams, the Henrys, the Roylances, and Walter Pietsch, who did temple work on their vacations.

Alameda Ward

Cdr. Mel Call On USS Ranger

By Lue Seavers and Violet M. Pinckney

Among the 4,000 men aboard the Aircraft Carrier USS Ranger, when it slipped into the Naval Air Station at Alameda on March 8, following a seven-months cruise, was Cmdr. Melvin E. Call, whose home is in the Alameda ward. His wife and five sons anxiously awaited his arrival. Melvin reports a large, active group of LDS men aboard the Ranger held meetings every Sunday and Wednesday nights, under the group leadership of Dr. Richard Preece, Cdr. Call and Dr. Ben Glover. Group clerks were Bud Harris and Jerry Johnson. The Ranger will be operating out of Alameda for the next seven months. Ward members appreciate having these service men in our midst; they contribute much to the ward.

Next welfare dinner will be April 7, sponsored by the High Priests and the Elders' quorums. Everyone mark the date, we need your support!

It was an inspiring and thrilling experience to see 19 young men receive their individual awards for their duties performed and activities and outstanding attendance records in the Aaronic Priesthood. Bishop George Pinckney surprised the boys by asking each to bear his testimony.

Reta Wilson, who moved with her family to Allentown, Pennsylvania, was released as second counselor in the Primary and Lucille Buchan has been sustained to take her place.

Relief Society members, with their husbands, tnjoyed the society's birthday party, March 15 during an evening of fun, dancing and refreshments.

Alameda girls participated in a slumber party, February 22.

On the sick list, spending a few days in the hospital were: LaVina McRae in the Alameda hospital and Lorraine Schow in the Peralta hospital.

Children baptized: Esther Marie Graham, Loretta Hsing Graham, Annetta Jean Shulke and Lauretta Wilson.

Ordinations: Frank Weston Burke, to Elder; David Arnold Worth, and William Carl Wilson, to Teacher.

Rich Winkel To Serve In Chile Mission

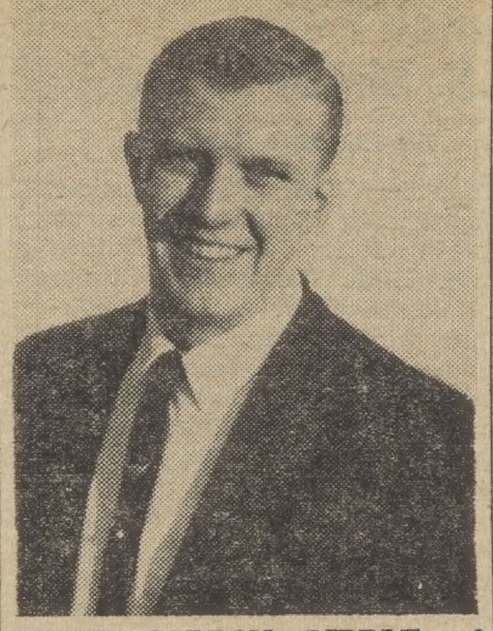
Richard H. Winckel, was honored at a farewell testimonial this month in the Centerville Chapel in Fremont.

Arrangements for the event were planned by Bishop Byron Groesbeck, Irvington Ward, when Rich received his call from President David O. McKay to serve as a missionary in Church.

Son of President and Mrs. Francis B. Winkel, Rich graduated from Logan high school, attended BrighamYoung University and was a student at the L.D.S. College in Hawaii at the time he received his call. While in the Islands he was a Sunday School teacher and has always been active in Priesthood and M.I.A. His father is president of Hayward Stake.

Rich earned a varsity letter in his sophomore year in high school and was named "Sportsman of the Week" by the East Bay Prep writers' Association. e has a good knowledge of Spanish which will aid him in his new assignment.

He arrived in the Mission Home in Salt Lake on March 19 and later flew to Miami where he enplaned for Santiago where the Chi-



ELDER GORDON LIDDLE of Granger, Utah, is supervising elder for the Richmond ward area for 10 full-time missionaries. Richmond ward has been chosen to pilot a missionary experiment in in the Northern California mission.

Sunset Ward

Eight Dental Students On Wards Team

By Jean Lauper

Sunset Ward takes great pride in the young men who made up our basketball team. Each one of the eight is a student at the U. C. Medical Center preparing for a professional career in Dentistry. All are active and devoted workers in the church, holding a variety of ward and stake offices. 4 are married, and they came from 4 western States. Leonard Clove of Enterprise, Utah, is coach, and the team includes John Jones, Glendale, Ariz., John Dana, Phoenix, Ariz., George Chingas, Casper, Wyoming; Mervin Cox, St. George, Utah; Larry Luke, Bakersfield, Calif. Blaine Symmons, Provo, Utah; and Harold Snow, Delta, Utah.

Recently Elizabeth Bower and her daughter Elaine had a 3-week vacation in Carcas, Venezuela, as the guests of Elizabeth's son Von D. Bower. Von, who lives in New York City, had been sent by his employers, the International Business Machine Co. to install a large computor, the "#7070" for the Shell Oil Company in Venezuela. The Installation, which took many months, is the first of this size in South America.

Ruby McDonald flew to Minneapolis the middle of March to greet her grandson Joseph Edward Cardon, the son of Bart and Kathleen McDonald Cardon, who was born March 9. Irven McDonald has been teaching the Seminary in his wife's absence. The McDonald's records are no longer in Sunset Ward as Brother McDonald has been called as president of the Chinese-American Branch.

David Rogers has been released as an assistant in the Sunday School. He has been appointed assistant Ward Clerk. Dr. Robert Hales has been changed from second assistant to first, and his former place taken by Vern Halvorson.

Sam Neff has been appointed General secretary of the Aaronic Priesthood under 21.

George Chingas has been called as president of the 1st quorum of Elders.

Back in town after more than three years in Japan are Lynn W. and Josie Rich Kleinman. With them is their small daughter Catherine, born in Tokyo two years ago. Serving in the Navy, Lt. Kleinman was in the Administration Division of Navy Section for Military Assistance Advisory Group, working in direct contact with the Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force.

After a short visit with Ben and Andre Rich, Josie's parents, the Kleinmans will leave for a vacation in Southern California, Arizona and Utah.

Sunset welcomes Mrs. Fred Robbins. The former Anita Blackburn of Salt Lake City was married to Fred in the Salt Lake Temple in February.

San Leandro Second

Burlap Helps Building Fund

By Ruby B. Ostler

Operation burlap is the main topic of conversation in our ward these days. We have been turning out nine foot squares by the thousands since the first of the year. the proceeds from the sale of these squares go toward our chapel building fund. Have you been down to the factory lately?

We were happy to welcome our good Bishop Christensen home again Sunday. He has been on an extensive business trip through the Eastern States. While there he spent a week end with his son and family, the Robert Christensens, who were transferred to Union Town, Pennsylvania, recently. Bob is serving as President of the branch there.

Beautiful pins were presented to Arline Miller and Jane Hansen last week in Sacrament meeting.

Hyrum Olsen fell on a slippery sidewalk and broke his ankle last month and was hospitalized for two weeks.

We are very happy to welcome Dr. Richard Preece and his family back to our ward. He is stationed on "The Ranger" and has just completed a six months' tour in the South Pacific. His family spent the winter in Idaho where they could be with relatives. Upon his arrival home Dr. Preece was presented with a new son, their second son and fourth child.

Arline Miller won the speech contest in our ward and competed in the stake contest Sunday, March 18.

Wednesday March 14, Doris Hansen, assisted by Jane, gave an interesting lecture and demonstration to the Mia Maid and Bee Hive Girls of the ward on good manners, good grooming and points to remember when modeling clothes. This was in preparation for the stake fashion show which will be held April 21.

Wednesday, March 14, the Relief Society celebrated their annual day. After the lesson on attitudes and manners, presented by Sister Mary Jane Moe, a program honoring the visiting teachers was given under the direction of Florence Jones. A book review was given by Gertrude Lesser and a piano solo by Minnie Bagley. Rose Synider, a visiting teacher for 51 years, told "What Relief Society Means to me". President Elnore Davis thanked the visiting teachers for their faithful service and presented those who had 100% visits for the year with camellias. All the teachers were given organdy aprons with their birth month and flower stenceled on them. These aprons were made by the presidency.

E. Henderson To Serve In Andes Mission

A call to serve as a missionary in the Andes mission has been received by Elder Ernest Wendell Henderson. He will enter the mission home in Salt Lake City April 9, for intensive preparation, prior to reporting at Mission Headquarters in Lima, Peru. A missionary farewell has been planned in his honor for Sunday, April 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Richmond ward chapel, 330 Carlson Avenue.

Elder Henderson is the eldest son of former bishop Ernest W. and Marjorie Henderson, and was born in Port Townsend, Washington. The family later moved to Logan, Utah, before settling in California in 1951. He graduated from Harry Ells High School, Richmond, lettering in cross country and track in 1959.

After graduation he entered the service (Army Reserve) and while there received a citation from the Commanding General for outstanding performance to duty. He has also been attending Contra Costa Junior College.

San Leandro

Relief Society Honored At Birthday Party

Tuesday, March 13, at a birthday party to celebrate the 120th anniversary of the Relief Society, nine ladies were chosen who most resembled former presidents of the organization. They tried to dress as nearly like these sisters as possible and stood in back of a picture frame as Viola Schipper read the high points in the life of the presidents. Rose Snyder, first president of the San Leandro Ward Relief Society was an honored guest who stood in the picture frame as the history of her life and activities in the church were unfolded. She has a long record of service with fifty--one years as a Relief Society teacher and has worked in every auxiliary of the church. Our latest, and fairly new president, Virginia Wood, young in years but with a quiet dignity that will endear to all and assure her success in the duties characteristic of this organization, also had her turn in the picture frame as the story of her life was told. Pearl Meine was director of the play and in charge of the scenery. Avon Peart had charge of the day. Kitty Kelly and Ora McCluskey prepared a delicious luncheon.

David Neal Christensen, son of Arthur Ray and Lenora M. Christensen, was baptized anr confirmed a member of the church in March.

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Oakland Third

Dinner Dance For Birthday

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The Oakland Third ward senior basketball team went to Salt Lake for the all-church play-offs. They won one and lost one. We are proud of our team and of Coach John Johnson.

Winifred Phelps, Martha Light, Louise Amsbaugh, and Beryl Noble are recovering from operations.

The John Johnsons have a new boy, Kenneth Eugene, born March 13. This makes five boys and five girls for the Johnsons.

Nancy Hoiem was baptized March 3 by Herbert Van Noy. Grace and Fred Harkins have brought a new member into the church; Mrs. Ottili Parish. Sam Jardine of Oakland Third had the pleasure of confirming his three grand-children, March 4. They are: Judy, Jimmy and Johnny Jardine. David and Frank Carracci were blessed and named March 4.

Bridal Shower

A bridal shower was held for Lynn Webster, March 1, in the Oakland Third ward lounge. Lynn, daughter of Leslie Webster, was married March 16 to Thomas Peek by Eugene Hilton, bishop of the Oakland Third ward. The ceremony was performed at the home of Frances Mayor

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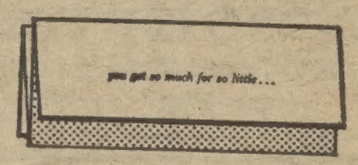

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